

ABSTRACT

[0065] A network includes one or more server(s), switching fabric(s), and storage devices and provides for using a plurality of cache devices connected to the switching fabric. Data cached in the cache devices is available to the server(s). The cache devices may be interconnected by a cache fabric, and at least one of the cache devices may be simultaneously connected to the switching fabric. Further, the cache fabric and the switching fabric may operate by sharing common control and management. In some cases, the cache fabric and that switching fabric are merged into a single fabric.